

## PATENT

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### RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Official Action mailed May 5, 2006,  
reconsideration is respectfully solicited based on the following remarks.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 (pages 2-5).

**Remarks** begin on page 6 (pages 6-11).